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## ABSTRACT

The Computer Aided Ship Accommodation (CASA) system is very advanced in the field of automatic design. CASA has been planned for the production of drawings of high graphic quality, the relevant bill of material, and the preparation of the workshop documentation. The system uses interactive graphic techniques to facilitate both the man-machine communication and to increase the throughput and flexibility of the programs.

CASA has three main modules: (1) Description of standards is handled in batch mode. In this case the input concerns standard materials description and general selection rules. These data are stored into the database of the system; drawings and lists are also provided. (2) Description of ship design data. From structural drawings the main data are loaded into the computer for further processing. All the operations of this phase are considerably simplified (thanks to a particular "user-oriented" language) and do not require specific knowledge of EDP. Relevant output drawing will constitute the basic layout of accommodation. (3) Interactive automatic design. From description of construction data and standards with the aid of interactive functions of CASA, "automatic" and "interactive" design are developed. Automatic design, which foresees data processing for each constructive detail, is completely handled in its initial phase in batch mode. Interactive design allows corrections and modifications of data and programs with immediate feedback, thus giving the operator the possibility of a quick and easy communication with the computer.

The problem

Furnishing of naval superstructures includes: localization and -definition of habitable volumes, their subdivisions in cabins, service rooms, rooms for common use etc., definition of materials needed for construction of all this and for furnishing of all rooms; preparation of all drawings and lists necessary for orders, construction, and fitting up on board. This activity, which is gratifying for a creativity aspect in the phases of design and furnishing definition, becomes extremely boring in the successive phase concerning detailed specification of the thousands of components necessary.

The solution

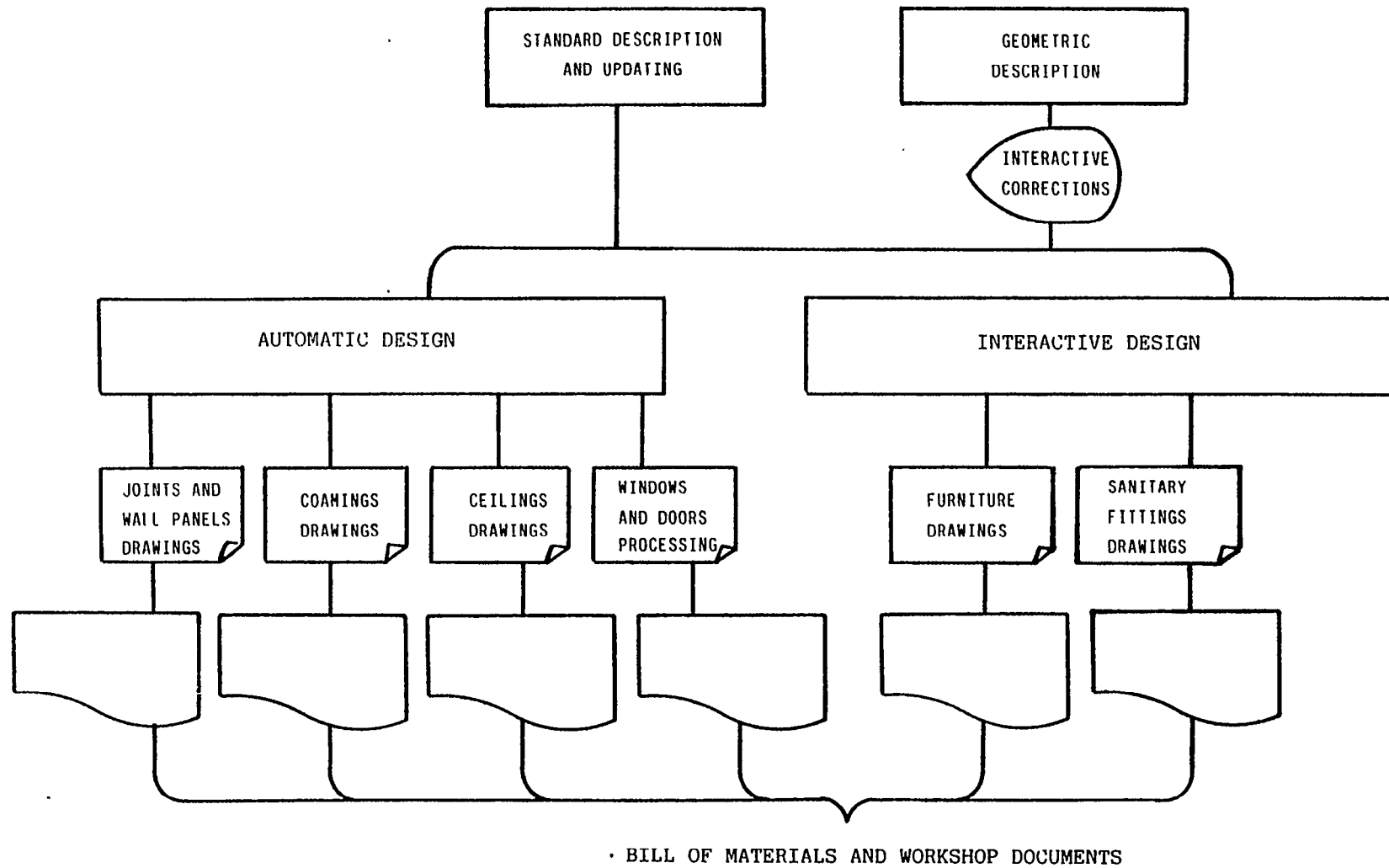
The CASA (Computer Aided Ship Accomodation) without interfering with designer's creativity, and helping instead the designer with ease of execution in his choice among many alternatives, automatically produces all drawings consequent upon design activities, subdivides furnishing elements in elementary components, prepares materials lists and automatically produces all work-shop documents.

CASA SYSTEM

The CASA system is subdivided into three principal modules:

- STANDARDS DESCRIPTION
- GEOMETRIC DESCRIPTION OF SHIP AND AUTOMATIC DESIGN
- DESIGN **IN** THE INTERACTIVE MODE

## CASA SYSTEM GENERAL FLOW





## STANDARD DESCRIPTION

At the basis of any computer data handling there is always a high standardization of material to be handled.

But standardization introduces into design a rigidity factor which, if it is not carefully estimated, may considerably reduce the utility of the software tool.

The CASA management of standards has overcome this obstacle by allowing to insert, cancel and modify the standardized elements by simple draftsmen operations.

The most important furnishing elements to be codified are: doors, walls, ceilings, sidelights, windows, furniture, sanitary fittings, profiles of walls and ceilings, support furrings, coamings, etc.

All standardized materials are completed with a code which foresees on easy identification of the product and of its components from the order to the reception, manufacturing and installation on board.

The data-base of standards stores the codes and data regarding the materials to be used in all ships.

For every new ship the general standards are examined and if necessary integrated or modified.

In the standards data-base are also stored the graphic elements which appear in the drawings such as: beds, tables, chairs etc.

## GEOMETRIC DESCRIPTION OF THE SHIP

The first phase of this job consists of description of all geometric and topographic features of all furnishing elements and of all structures which are essential for the successive design work.

### Subdivision into decks

The ship's superstructures are subdivided into decks and the relevant data are stored deck by deck.

The elements and structures to be stored are:

- steel walls
- internal furnishing walls
- web frames
- girders
- stiffeners
- pillars
- sidelights and windows
- doors
- reference lines
- blocks subdivision lines

The first result of the work performed is a plan obtained by plotter visualizing all input data.

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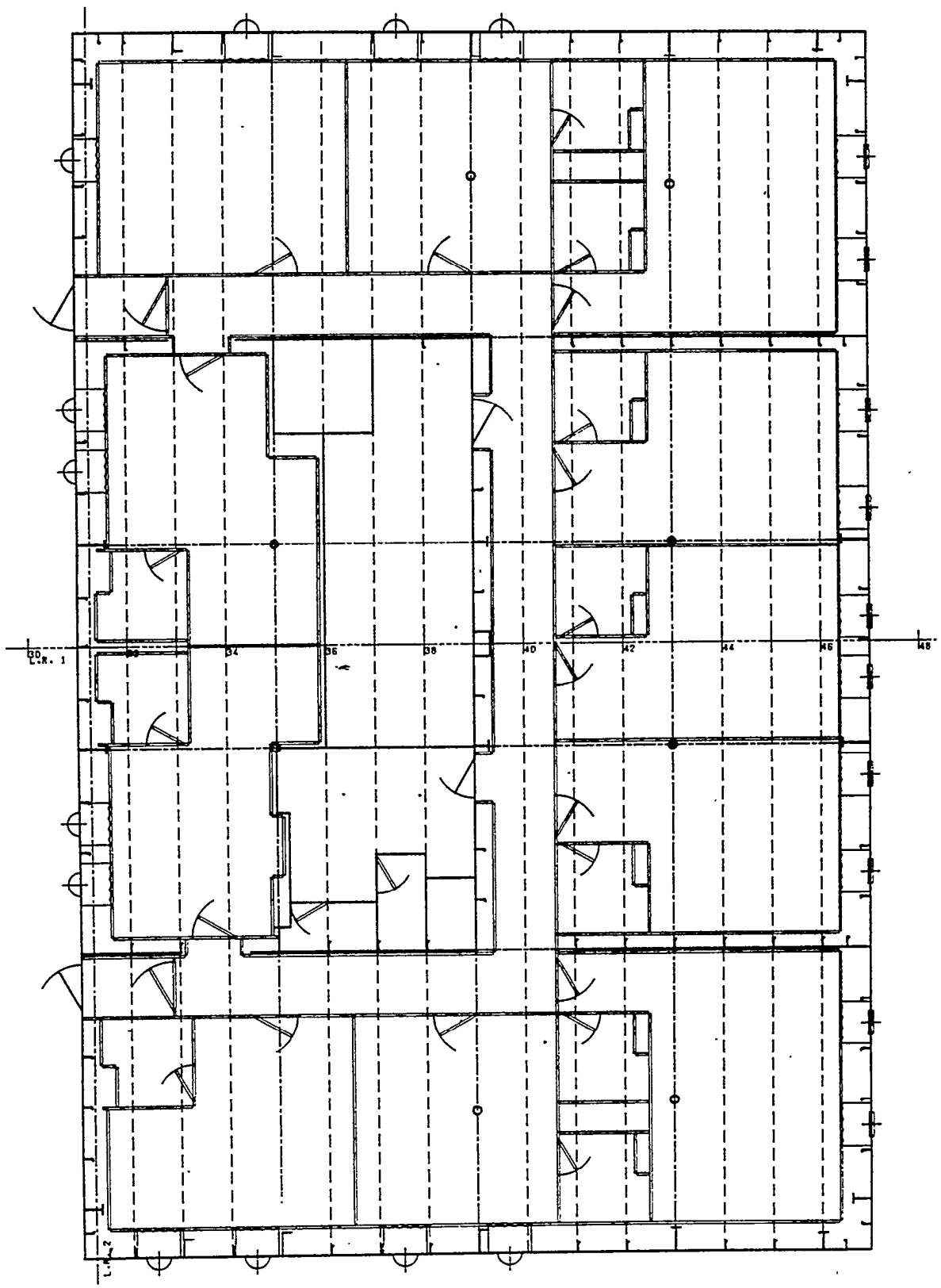
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Interactive correction of data	In this phase it is already possible to intervene in the interactive mode; in fact, using a graphic interactive screen the basic data(as bulkheads, sidelights , or doors) can be simply and immediately corrected.
Menu ,	In order to free the operator from the need to acquire knowledge of the computer operating <b>system a command table (MENU'</b> ) is visualized on the screen to facilitate all operations of communication with the computer.
Ease of communication with the computer	By setting the screen cross-hair, on one of the menu rectangles, the program is set to perform all required operations.
Data safety	In the working phases the system, in order to avoid unintentional damages of data by the user, operates on temporary files which are created each <b>time</b> , while the ship file is used only in the reading and up-dating phases.
Output facilities	By utilization of the command table, it is also possible to address the stored data to any external support: graphics screens, pen-plotters and printer plotters.

### AUTOMATIC DESIGN

	After all data are stored and checked, the successive procedures of automatic design are utilized.
Procedure for panels, bulkheads, and joints	CASA automatically subdivides into panels, with modular criteria, all internal furnishing walls. According to the colour and the type of wall they belong to, it classifies and marks all panels, classifies and marks all joints; it produces according to specific criteria of scrap reduction, the cutting schemes for panelling, the plan for joints and all materials lists necessary for order and installation of relevant <b>materials</b> .



Wall panels nesting  
booklet

These lists are obtained by an automatic procedure starting from the data relevant the decks to be processed and materials to be employed in the construction of the panels.

The following pages show the scheme to be used in the workshop for cutting panels, the scrap of **mate-**rials, the total quantity of the panels to be made per lot and the total average scrap.

ITALCANTIERI TEC/ARR		CINEMA TAGLIO PANNELLI PARETI				WALL PANELS NESTING		MODIFICHE			N° FOGLIO	
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RIVESTIMENTO												
SCHEMA N. 1		PANNELLI NORMALI ETERNAVE - INNER PANELS (MATERIALS) - SCRAPS										
PLACCATURA :		LARGH 1170 - PANEL WIDTH - SERIO 0										
LANTIER												
LPR104		MARCA 611K - PEZZI 1										
SCHEMA N. 2		PANNELLI NORMALI ETERNAVE - STANDARD PIECE-NUMBER - PIECES										
PLACCATURA :		LARGH 1070 - SERIO 100										
LANTIER												
LPR104		MARCA 611K - PEZZI 3										
COVERING MATERIAL												
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PLACCATURA :		LARGH 670 270 - SERIO 230										
LANTIER												
LPR104		MARCA 607K 603K - PEZZI 1										



The withdrawal notes are automatically obtained.

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COMPIUTO		STAG. 110		DATA 03/02/78		ZONA 74		INDICE	NOME	DATA	211
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PANEL QUANTITY PER LOT

TOTALE PANNELLI DELLE VARIE MARCHE E LUNGHEZZE DA ESEGUIRE PER QUESTO LOTTO 250

SFRIDO MEDIO DOVUTO A TAGLI SEGA ED A RITAGLI NON UTILIZZABILI 10.306%

AVERAGE SCRAP

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PANNELLI PARETI DELLA SERIE N. 1										PAG.			
4343 0010													
STAB. COSTR. CAP/ANT/VOCE/LOTTO										PANNELLO DI ETERNAVE L=1170 MM.-H=2160 MM.			
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STAB. COSTR. CAP/ANT/VOCE/LOTTO										CONTROPLACCATURA IN LAMIER L=1170 MM.-H=2160 MM.			
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Summary of material  
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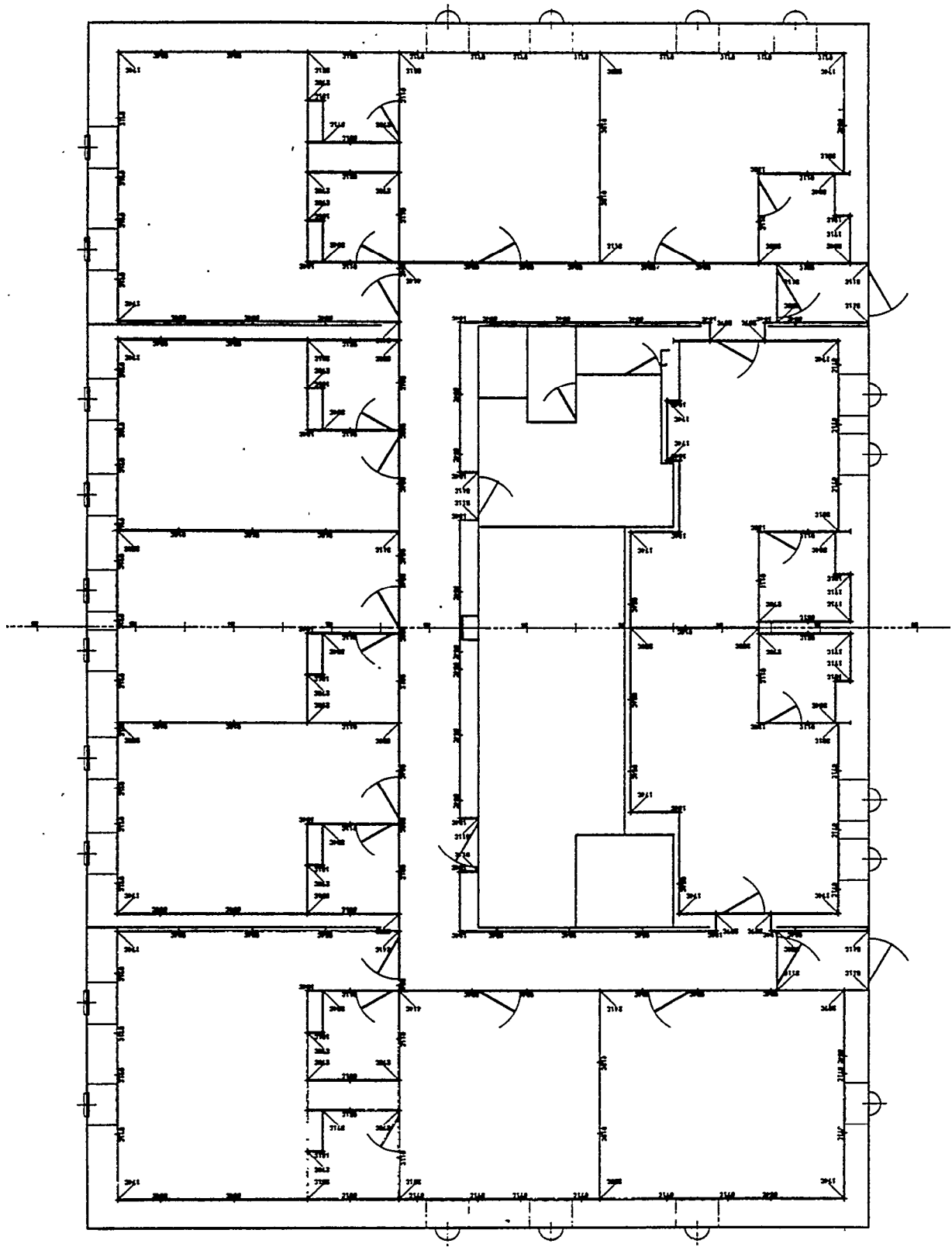
This output shows the material summary of the wall-  
panels relevant to a lot.

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PANNELLI DI LATERALE PER CONTROPLACCATURA PANNELLI NORMALI		1170X2160	PEZZI 72
PANNELLI DI LATERALE PER CONTROPLACCATURA PANNELLI CLASSE B		1170X2160	PEZZI 21
PANNELLI DI LATERALE	PER PARETI NORMALI LOC.IG.PREALL	770X2160	PEZZI 66
PANNELLI DI LATERALE	PER PARETI DI CLASSE B LOC.IG.PREALL	770X2160	PEZZI 8
PANNELLI DI LATERALE PER CONTROPLACCATURA PANNELLI LOC.IG.PREALL		770X2160	PEZZI 37

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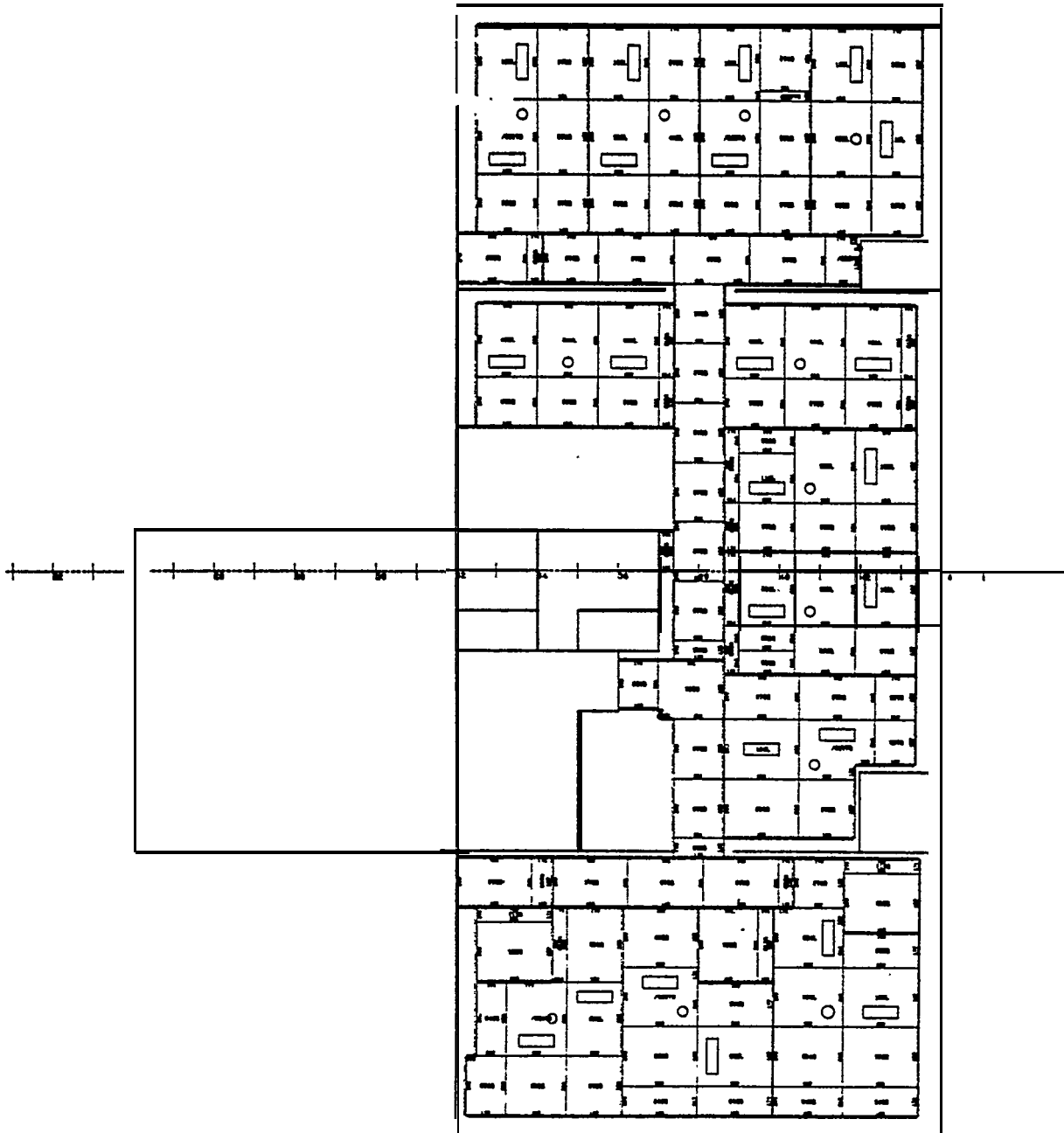
## Procedure for ceiling panels

CASA, by working cabin by cabin, subdivides the ceiling into panels following a criterion aiming principally at reducing the junction profiles length and the number of non rectangular panels; the research of the best solution is automatic but it is always possible to introduce, by screen, preferential subdivision Lines and the system automatically fits the subdivision to the imposed lines.

After subdivision, individuation, and marking of panels, storing and marking is performed for profiles and support structural elements of the panels and of ceiling Lamps.

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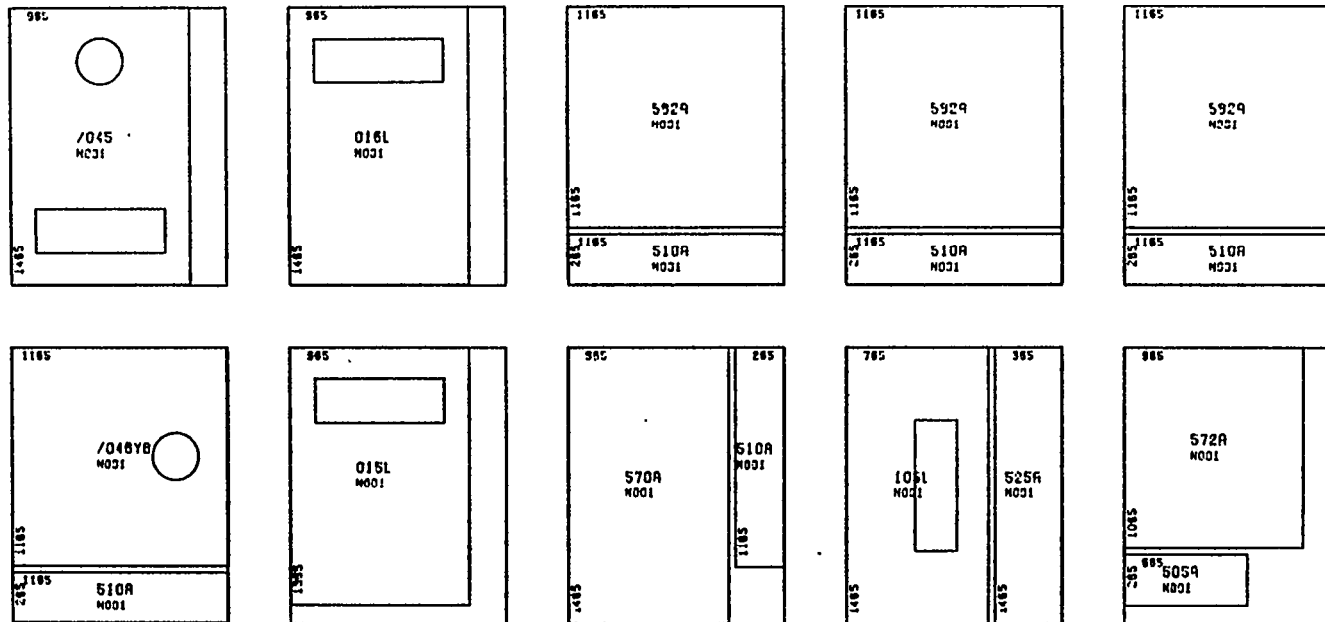
- plan for ceiling panelling
- plan for furrings
- panels nesting
- material lists for procurement, construction, and installation of materials on board.



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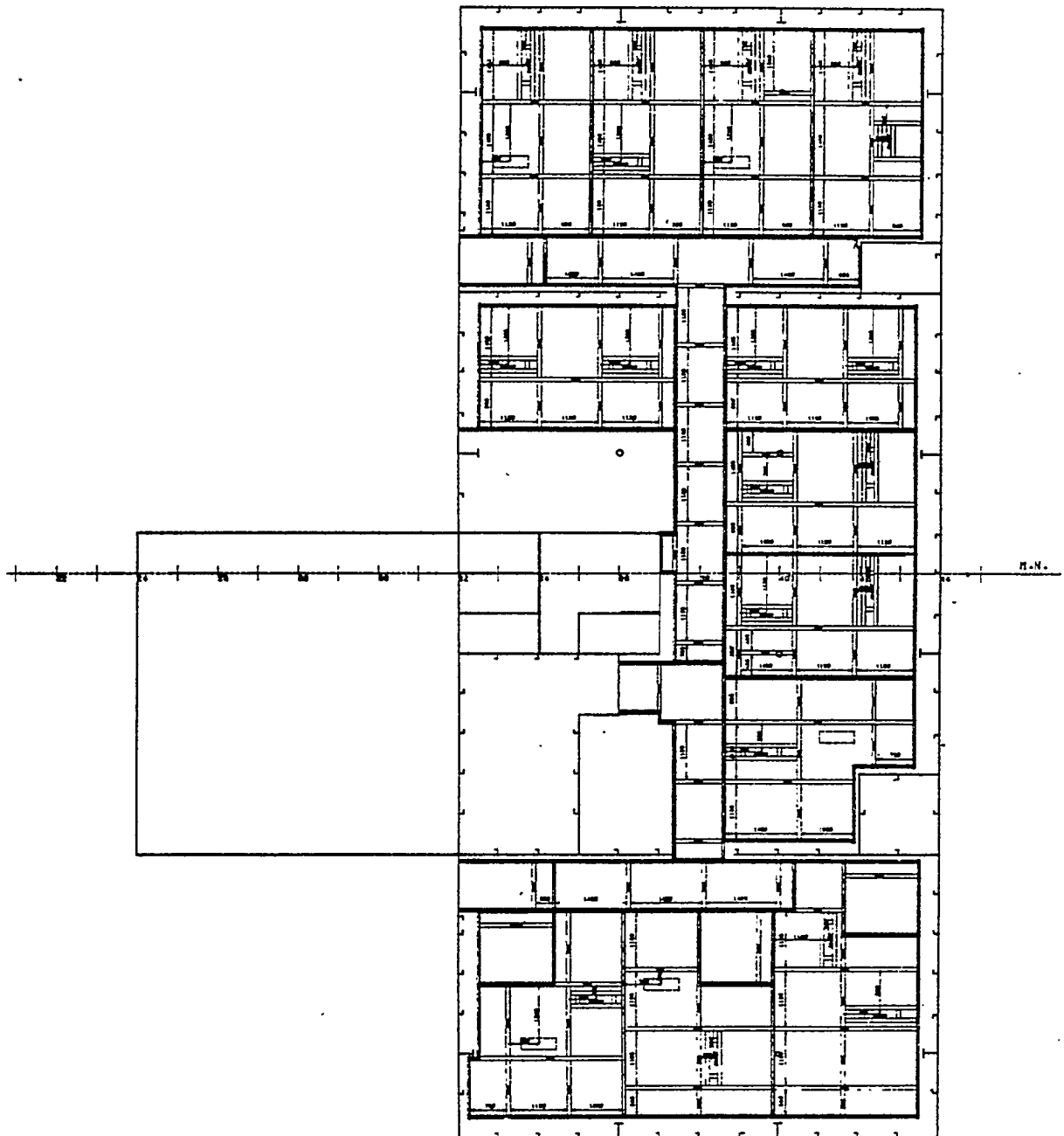
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CEILINGS PANELS NESTING





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#### Procedure for coamings

On the basis of data regarding bulkheads, the type of room concerned, and height of the utilized floor foundation, the various types of profiles necessary for panels support are identified; after being identified, they are drawn with a symbol which is different for each type of profile.

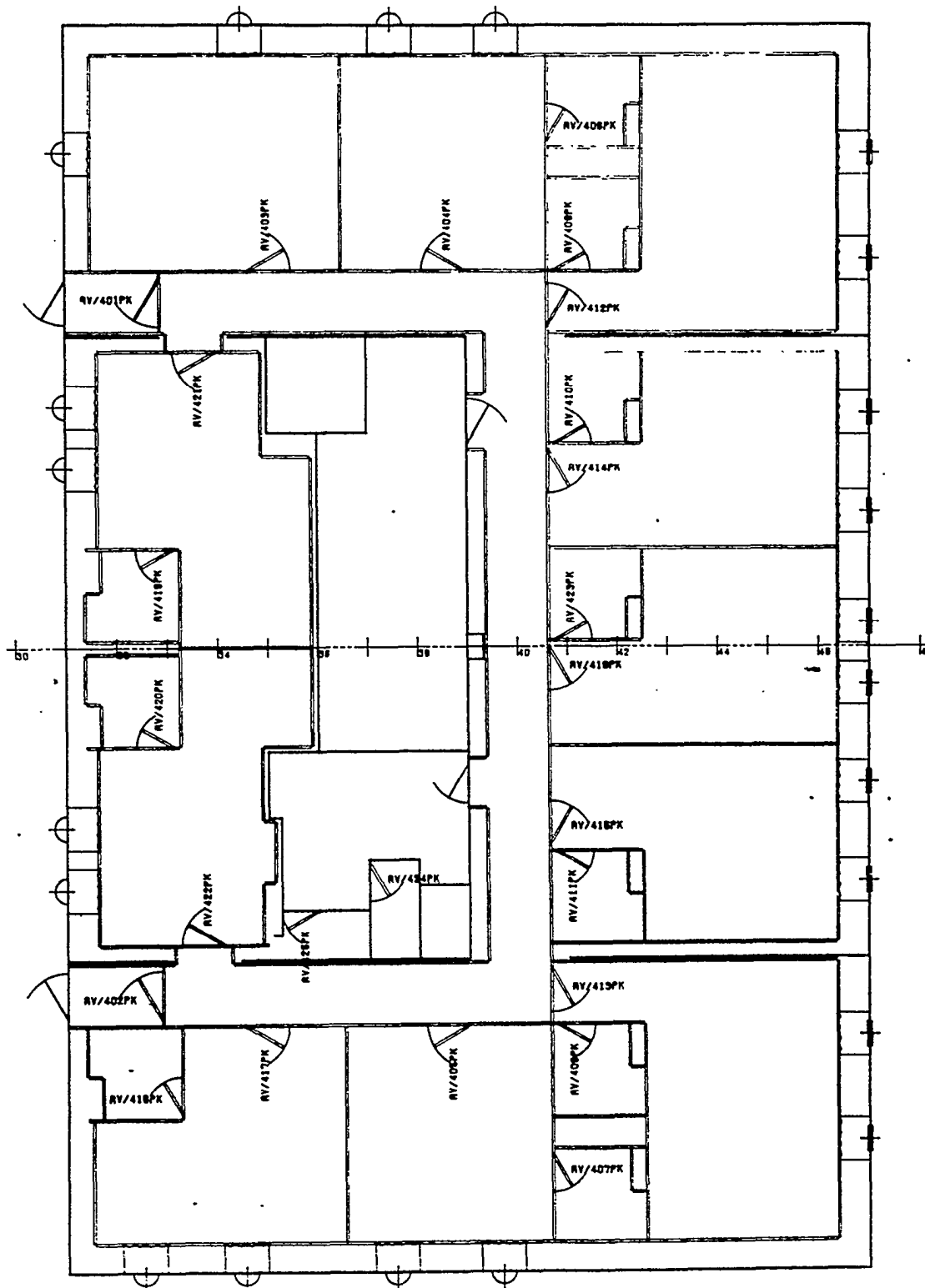
The produced plan reports also the profiles dimensions to the next reference line.

As for the all other outfitting materials also with this procedure all materials lists are automatically produced.



Procedures for doors,  
sidelights, and windows

Processing of previously stored data produces dimensioned and marked plans regarding doors, sidelights and windows and all relevant material lists.



## INTERACTIVE DESIGN MODE

In the procedures in which, owing to the fact that the graphic elements to be handled are complex and unforeseeable, it is essential to have the availability of the shapes, dimensions and obstacles for a correct storing. For that a graphic-interactive working mode has been adopted.

As hardware support a TEKTRONIX screen, with refresh buffer, was chosen and connected to the Main Computer. The principal interactive design procedures are those regarding:

- Furniture
- Sanitary fittings
- Ceiling lamps and anemostats

### Procedure for furniture

Differently from other procedures where the deck is the working unit, here the work is performed cabin by cabin in order to increase the execution speed by reducing the graphic elements down to the essential.

### \* Ease of use

In order to help the operator, it was decided to standardize, besides all pieces of furniture which may interest naval furnishing, also all possible furnishing combinations for each type of cabin.

In this way when the operator retrieves the cabin on the screen, all the pieces of furniture which can be there inserted are automatically connected to the cabin's code; they appear one after the other on the screen in the most rational order for the furnishing sequence.

### Ease of movements

The graphic elements, which can be connected by a characteristic point at the cross-hair, may be moved on the whole screen and rotated by any angle until they find their most suitable position.

### Furnishing for symmetrical or translated cabins

In the case that very often happens in the naval field in which cabins are involved having a perimeter symmetrical or translated with reference to other cabins already furnished, by simple commands it is

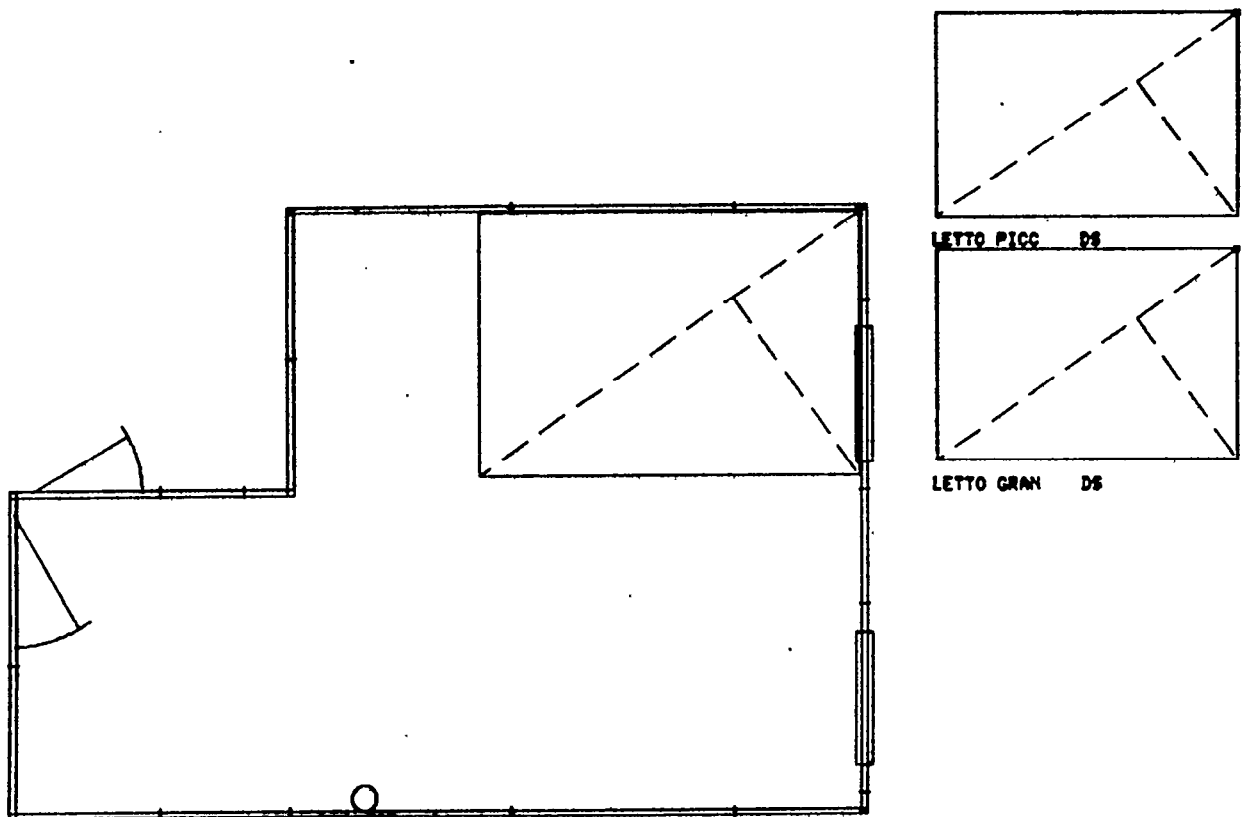
possible to reverse or translate the existing furniture disposition and avoid the tedious repetition of the work; in this way it is possible to furnish the whole ship deck in a very short time.

#### Design speed

After all cabins are furnished, the system produces, besides the plans in the requested scale, all materials list necessary for construction and assembling of furniture on board.

#### Procedure for sanitary fittings

Byaprocedure similar to that already examined for furniture, sanitary fittings with all accessories are also positioned **by** screen in the sanitary rooms and also here it is possible to obtain very easily all the drawings and the material lists.



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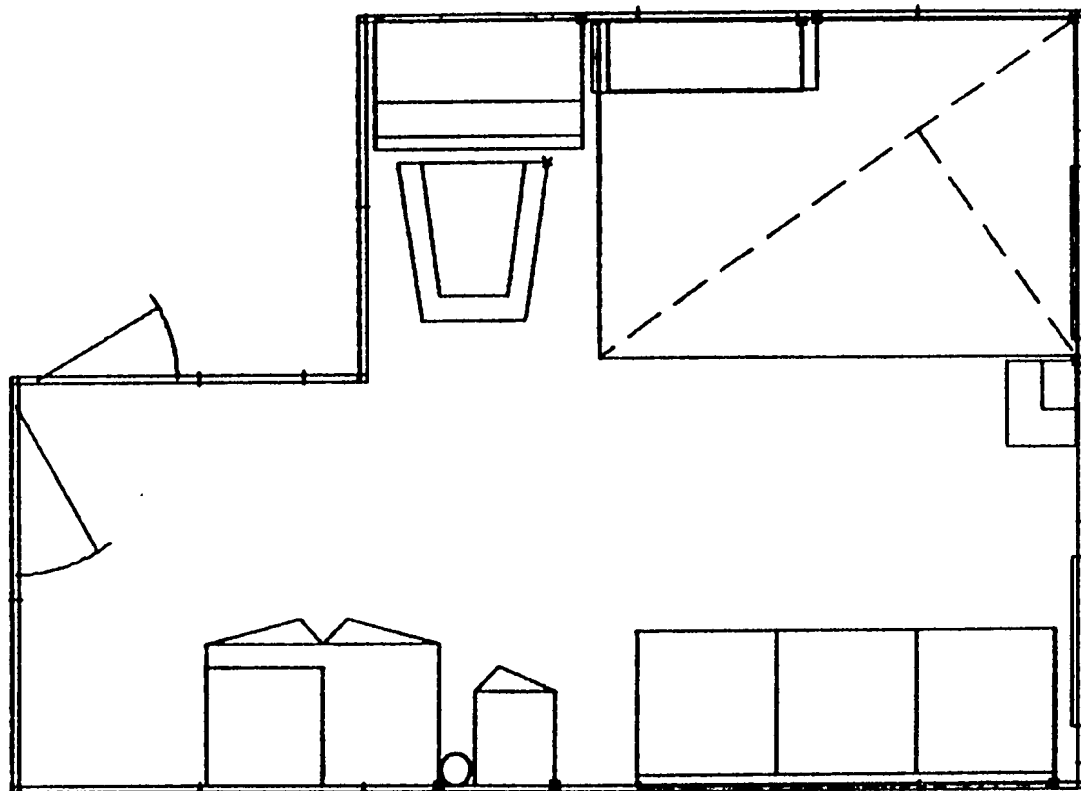


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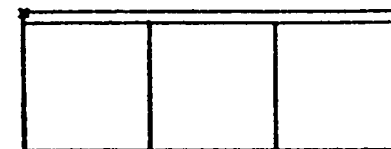
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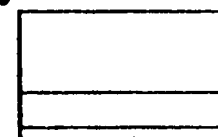
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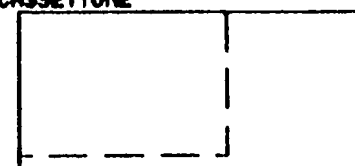
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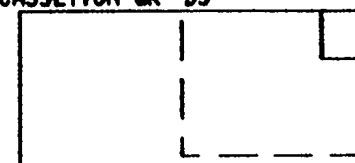
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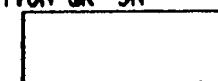
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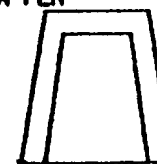
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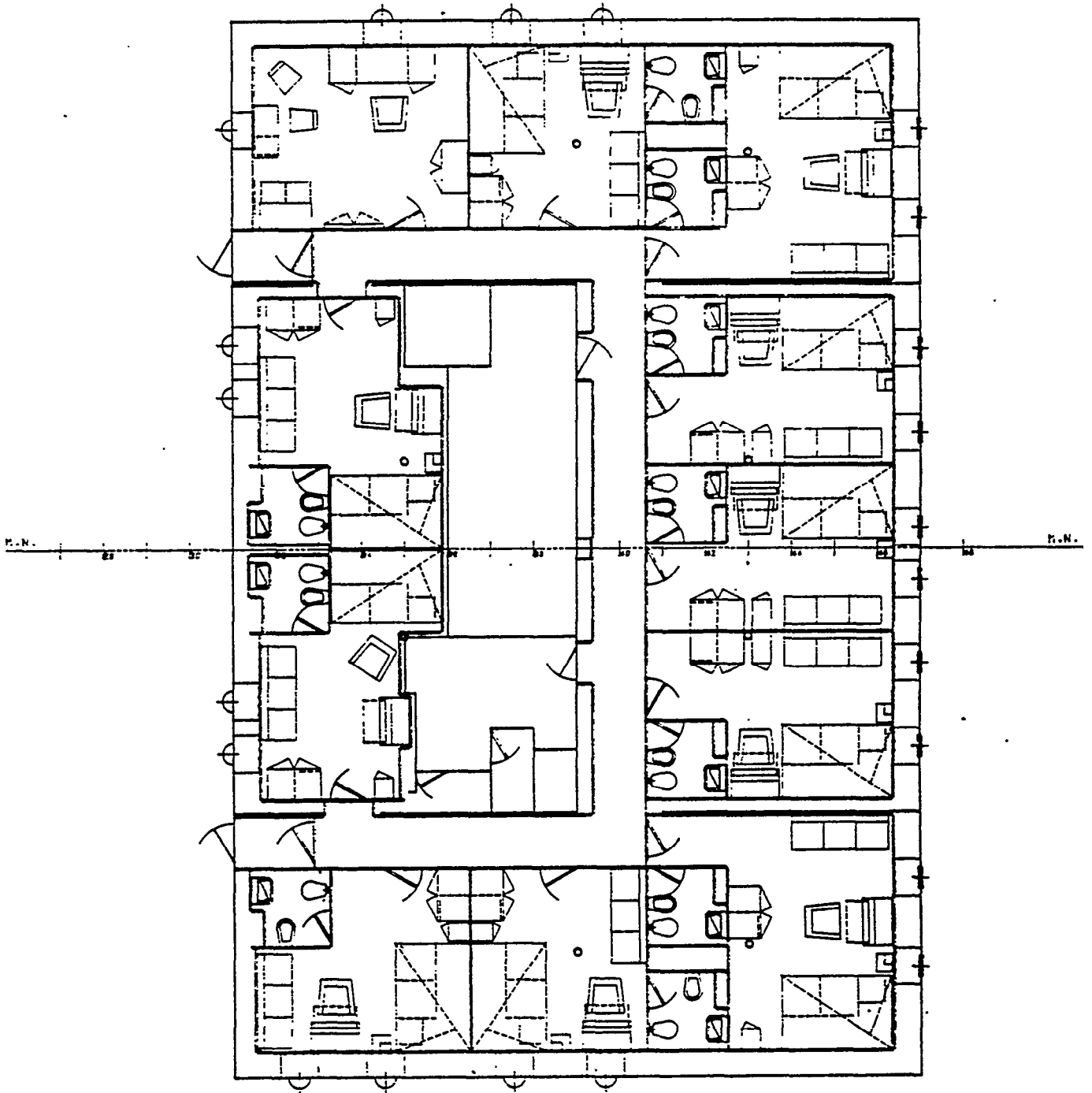
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Layout of ceiling  
lamps and anemostats

This work is performed cabin by cabin. After automatic subdivision of ceilings into panels, by very simple commands, by pointing the screen cross-hair on the chosen panel, storing is made of the position and type of lamps and of the position and dimensions of holes for anemostats installation. In order to speed up the process, some standard positions of the holes in the various panels are fixed and, if it is necessary, non standard elements can also be very simply stored.

#### HARDWARE

Man-computer communication within the CASA system is realized through a TEKTRONIX 4014 terminal connected with the Main Computer; the installation of a refresh buffer allows, for the procedures which require this performance, also a limited activity in the refresh mode.

The configuration is completed by a hard-copy connected to the screen and by an off-line plotter for production of all the drawings utilized for design completion, for workshop manufacturing, and for installation on board of all furnishing materials of the superstructures.

The choice of such hardware turned out to be a very profitable compromise from a technical-economical point of view as it unifies the advantages of low purchase and maintenance costs and the advantages to offer the capability of moving on the screen geometrical figures even not very complex.

#### MODULARITY OF THE SYSTEM

The C.A.S.A. system has been designed so that it can be modularly inserted in the company's information system.

With this purpose the System organizes and prepares all data so that they can easily be retrieved from the systems connected with CASA. These systems deal with the handling of all furnishing materials from purchase to arrival of components to the yard, to their assembling at the workshop, and to their definitive installation on board.

## ADVANTAGES

After being exploited on a considerable number of ships the CASA system has widely proved its validity in furnishing design and in workshop documents preparation.

The most significant advantages are:

- 1 - reduction of technical times for the preparation of the workshop documentation which - (for a prototype ship) - decreased from 12 down to 6 months; this problem is maximally felt when prototype ships with short delivery times are involved;
- 2 - Reduction of technical office work load which is decreased (in the area interested by the system) from 6000 down to 2000 hours;
- 3 - Saving on costs of materials in stock, better utilization and reutilization of materials;
- 4 - Rationalization of -yard's work thanks to a better quality, quantity and quickness of information received.

Further' more utilization of CASA on different types of ships has shown its high flexibility by obtaining excellent results on ferry-boats, tankers, merchant-ship, and off-shore.

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